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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

NUMBER W9126G-18-2-SOI-0028

PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2018

Project Title: Predator Research and Ecosystem Management Project, San Clemente Island, CA

Responses to this Request for Statements of Interest will be used to identify potential investigators for a project to be funded by U.S. Navy which provides professional and technical support for its Endangered Species Biology Programs in order to facilitate successful implementation of the INRMP and compliance with ESA. Approximately **\$545,500** is expected to be available to support this project.

Background: The San Clemente loggerhead shrike and the San Clemente Bell's sparrow are both subspecies endemic to San Clemente Island (SCI), w listed as a federally endangered in 1977. This project implements, in part, the Commander Navy Region Southwest's (CNRSW) responsibilities pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (16 USC 1531 et seq.), the Sikes Act Improvement Act (16 USC 670 et seq.), and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 USC 1361 et seq.). Non-native predator management for shrikes is a requirements of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Opinion FWS- LA-09B0027-09F0040 on San Clemente Island Military Operations and Fire Management Plan 2008 and the Southern California Range Complex Final Environmental Impact Statement / Overseas Environmental Impact Statement, which stipulate that the Navy continue the currently successful program of habitat restoration, predator management, monitoring, captive breeding, and re-introduction to benefit the San Clemente loggerhead shrike until such time that recovery objectives are identified and achieved.

Type of Award:

The government anticipates it will provide substantial involvement through the life of the project. The exact nature of the government's involvement will be defined in the statement of objectives, issued with a request for full proposal, after review of the statements of interest. As a result, it is anticipated that a cooperative agreement will be awarded.

Brief Description of Anticipated Work: The objectives of this project are to cooperatively work with the Navy to manage non-native predators and conduct predator research and data collection to aid in the recovery of listed taxa and the conservation of sensitive taxa at San Clemente Island, particularly the San Clemente loggerhead shrike. Specifically, non-native (e.g., black rat and feral cat) predator research and control, nest camera predator data collection, small mammal trapping to index the population, and assistance with behavioral training and care of an outreach island fox, as well as coordination with various San Clemente Island listed species projects is anticipated in support of Navy project goals.

Period of Performance. The period of performance will be for a total of 18 months beginning on date of award. Logistics work is anticipated from September 2018 through February 2019. Predator management and research fieldwork is anticipated from September 2018 through August 2019 followed by time for reporting and peer review publications preparation and coordination.

Materials Requested for Statement of Interest/Qualifications:

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(Maximum length: 2 pages, single-spaced 12 pt. font).

1. Name, Organization, Cage Code, Duns Number, Contact Information, EMAIL.
2. Brief Statement of Qualifications (including):
 - a. Biographical Sketch,
 - b. Relevant past projects and clients with brief descriptions of these projects,
 - c. Staff, faculty or students available to work on this project and their areas of expertise,
 - d. Any brief description of capabilities to successfully complete the project you may wish to add (e.g. equipment, laboratory facilities, greenhouse facilities, field facilities, etc.).

Note: A full study proposal and proposed budget are NOT requested at this time.

Review of Statements Received: All statements of interest received will be evaluated by a board comprised of one or more people at the receiving installation or activity, who will determine which statement(s) best meet the program objectives. Based on a review of the Statements of Interest received, an investigator or investigators will be invited to prepare a full study proposal. Statements will be evaluated based on the investigator's specific experience and capabilities in areas related to the study requirements.

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Timeline for Review of Statements of Interest: The RSOI are required to be out for a minimum of 10 working days. Review of Statements of Interest will begin **July 30, 2018.**

This Request for Statements of Interest will remain open until an investigator team is selected.

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